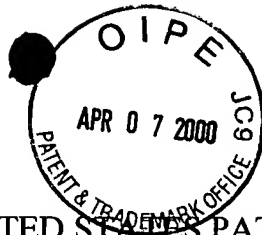


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DATA BETWEEN A REMOTE DEVICE AND A HOST SYSTEM

PETITION FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT AFTER PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the § 312 Amendment accompanying this Petition be entered, even though the Issue Fee was paid on March 16, 2000. The amendment is necessary to render the claim language more consistent. In particular, claim 104 has been amended to correct an inconsistency with independent claim 92, from which claim 104 depends. More specifically, claim 92 refers to local and remote devices, whereas claim 104 refers to first and second devices. Consequently, claim 104 has been amended to refer to local and remote devices. Claim 115 has been amended to correct a typographical error. That is, "the" has been deleted. In addition, claim 115 has been amended to clarify that the network being referred to is a next network, similar to claim 59.



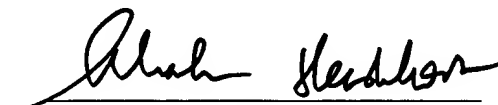
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The claim inconsistencies were recently discovered and thus, the amendment was not submitted earlier. Furthermore, the amendment is necessary to correct the above-identified inconsistencies.

The \$130.00 petition fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 (b) is enclosed. If any additional fees are necessary for consideration of this petition and/or the correction of the claims of this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any questions regarding the § 312 Amendment or this Petition can be directed to the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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